

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I (e.g., drawn to a method and program for embedding data into an image and authenticating the image which involves the steps of producing an extended image using a halftone algorithm and projecting the extended image onto coordinates as defined by claims 1-39 and 45), without traverse. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file Divisional Applications for the non-elected inventions later.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,



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